

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic apparatus comprising;
a first memory having stored therein a
parameter for representing at least conditions of an
illegal use of said apparatus, and
a control unit which stores in a second
memory image information from a photographing device
which has photographed the user when said conditions
represented by said parameter are established.
2. An electric apparatus as set forth in Claim 1,
wherein said control unit controls the output of said
image information stored in said second memory in
accordance with an output direction.
3. An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim
1, wherein said control unit directs a BIOS setup program
to read out said parameter in said first memory and to
record said image information in said second memory.
4. An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim
3, wherein said control unit directs an operating system
or an application program running on said apparatus to
set and alter said parameter in said first memory via an
interface prepared on said BIOS program.
5. An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim
3, wherein said control unit directs said BIOS program to
output said image information recorded in said second
memory through said operating system or said application
program.
6. An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim
1, wherein as said parameter recording timing
representing conditions for obtaining image information
is selected, set and stored in said first memory.
7. An electronic apparatus as set forth in claim
1, wherein a image data management header, a recording
time, a recording timing, a recording format and image
data which are in relation to said image information are
recorded in said second memory.
8. An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim

6, wherein said recording timing of said image information takes place when the power supply for said apparatus is turned on.

5 9. An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 6, wherein said recording timing of said image information takes place when said BIOS setup program is activated.

10 10. An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 6, wherein said recording timing of said image information takes place when said apparatus is resumed.

11. An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 6, wherein said recording timing of said image information takes place when an illegal password is entered in said apparatus.

15 12. An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 6, wherein an image information acquiring format and writing mode are selected, set and stored in said first memory as said parameter.

20 13. An electronic apparatus as set forth in Claim 12, wherein the mode of writing said image data into said second memory is of an overwriting or an appending mode.

25 14. A computer readable recording medium having a program recorded therein for render a computer execute;
reading out a parameter stored in a first memory which represents at least conditions for an illegal use of said computer or electronic apparatus,
determining on the establishment of said conditions, and

30 in the event that said conditions are established, storing in a second memory image information by a photographing device which has photographed the user of said electronic apparatus.

35 15. A recording medium as set forth in Claim 14 having stored therein a program for controlling the output of said image information stored in said second memory in accordance with an output direction.

16. A recording medium as set forth in Claim 14

having stored therein a program for directing a BIOS setup program to read out said parameter in said first memory and to record said image information in said second memory.

5 17. A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program for directing an operating system or an application program running on said apparatus to set and alter said parameter in said first memory via an interface prepared on said BIOS
10 program.

15 18. A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program for directing said BIOS program to output said image information recorded in said second memory through said operating system or said application program.

20 19. A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program for recording in said second memory a image data management header, a recording time, a recording timing, a recording format and image data which are in relation to said image information.

25 20. A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program for selecting and setting said recording timing of said image information from timings when the power supply for said apparatus is turned on, when said BIOS setup program is activated, when said apparatus is resumed and when an illegal password is entered in said apparatus.

30 21. A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program for selecting, setting and storing recording timing, a format and a writing mode each representing conditions for obtaining image information in said first memory.

35 22. A recording medium as set forth in Claim 16 having stored therein a program wherein the mode of writing said image data into said second memory is of an overwriting or an appending mode.

23. An image information control method comprising

the steps of;

reading out a parameter representing at least conditions for an illegal use of an apparatus stored in a first memory,

5 determining on the establishment of said conditions, and

storing image information by a photographing device which has photographed the user of said apparatus when said conditions are established.

10 24. An image information control method as set forth in Claim 23, wherein a BIOS setup program is directed to read out said parameter in said first memory and to record said image information in said second memory.

15 25. An image information control method as set forth in Claim 24, wherein an operating system or an application program running on said apparatus is directed to set and alter said parameter in said first memory via an interface prepared on said BIOS program.

20 26. An image information control method as set forth in Claim 24, wherein said BIOS program is directed to output said image information recorded in said second memory through said operating system or said application program.

25 27. An image information control method as set forth in Claim 23, wherein a image data management header, a recording time, a recording timing, a recording format and image data which are in relation to said image information are recorded in said second memory.

30 28. An image information control method as set forth in Claim 24, wherein said recording timing of said image information can be selected and set from any one or a plurality of timings of those when the power supply for said apparatus is turned on, when said BIOS setup program is activated, when said apparatus is resumed and when an
35 illegal password is entered in said apparatus.

29. An image information control method as set

forth in Claim 23, wherein a format and a writing mode each representing conditions for obtaining image information are selected, set and stored in said first memory.

- 5 30. An image information control method as set forth in Claim 29, wherein the mode of writing said image data into said second memory is of an overwriting or an appending mode.

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